

IBM Script Portlet for WebSphere Portal

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Agenda

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- Value proposition
- Demo
- Script Portlet v/s RAD/WEF portlets
- Resources



Script Portlet

- Script portlet is a great tool to start writing portlet using only js, html and css skills and knowledge
- Progressively disclose portal concepts like portlet preferences, sharing render params
- Basic idea
 - People have constructed lots of services IT team builds them
 - These scripts get created by IT team, citizen developers with just scripting skills
 - IT might make these scripts and people can change them or modify by LOB use
 - We store these in WCM
 - LOB or citizen developers to do this stuff since its safe as you have workflow approvals
 - Great dev environment Live preview while I'm editing it



Goals

- Enable the Line of Business to have autonomy and not be so dependent on Central IT
 - so eliminate the reasons they go off and stand up a drupal site
 - allow them to have a small team of 'programmers' that can make their customizations quickly and easily
- Enable customers and partners to write portlets using skills they can hire
 - that is 'scripting skills' that know a variety of scripting libraries and extensions (dojo, jquery, extjs, whatever)
 - write their first portlet with no knowledge of our system (copy and paste what they have working elsewhere)
- Provide a programming model that can be used for customization on the cloud
 - so customers and partners can deploy scripts against existing services (theirs or ours or internet ones) without deploying code on our cloud servers



Line Of Business usecase

- Creating of portlets using Javascript
 - IT can create some types of portlets in less time
 - LOB "power users"
 - can take what they get from central IT and change the user experience via HTML, CSS and Script
 - Take scripts they find on other sites and bring them into their sites... not have to wait for the IT team
 - Make these changes within a project for isolation and preview in context before publishing
 - IT can
 - Check what is being published for security and other issues before it goes live via WCM workflow approval



Leverage Core Scripting Skills Enable exploitation of key portlet and portal concepts

- Start the programmer off requiring only the skills they already have.
- Progressively disclose to them additional Portal/Portlet Value Add
- There are lots of things that portlets can do, but here are some of the most important use cases that we will enable first
 - Inter portlet communications
 - Portlet preferences
 - Responsive Design and Adaptive Design
 - Live Text
 - Process integration



- Leverage WebSphere Portal features
 - Portlet value add (Inter portlet communications, portlet preferences)
 - Portal value add (live text, process integration, etc)
 - Mix and match with existing and new portlets written in RAD or WEF on a page and share context between them
 - WEF data builders these can emit XML or JSON already, so i can leverage all the existing WEF data builders for enterprise integration
 - Points of variability (portlet preferences) the IT team can build portlets so that the business can use and re-use them via just changing settings vs coding.



- Leverage WCM features
 - Projects and approval
 - Code reviews and checks in place by subject matter experts
 - modify the script and test it live without breaking anyone else
 - business and/or IT for approval before it goes live
 - Access to shared render params and portlet preferences
 - Access to 'live text', user info etc.
 - Content targeting
 - Adaptive design (conditional rendering within presentation template based on device class) – even geography
 - Create and store fake JSON data sets in WCM for testing switch from the test url to the live data feed for test vs production.
 - Create libraries of data, CSS, script and mark up snippets and easily link to them from within the WCM UI
 - Social Business Toolkit snippets
 - Worklight integration snippets to jumpstart development

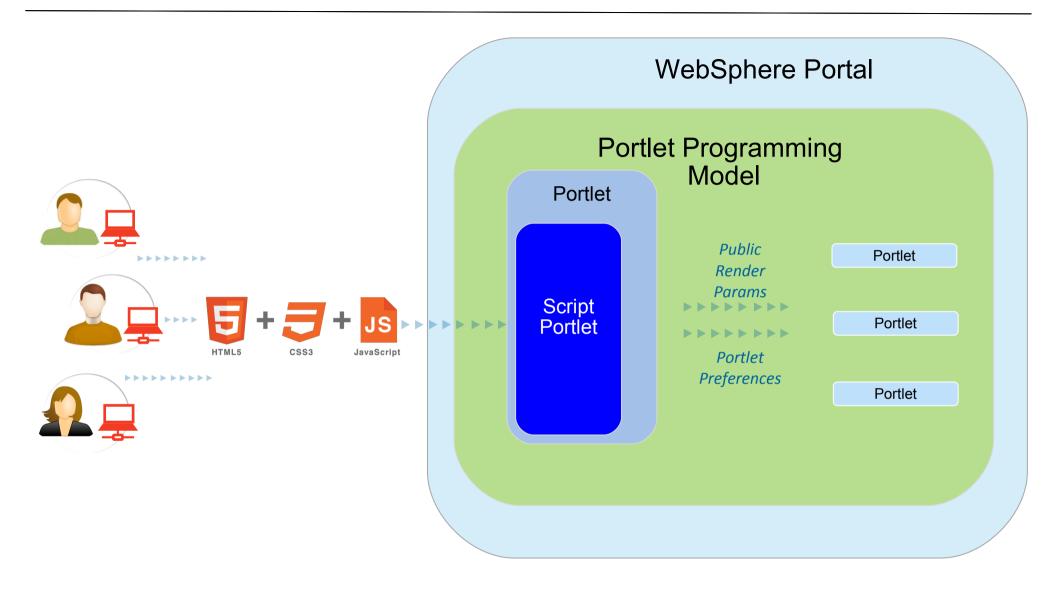


- Others
 - Any text editors can optionally be used for development, by using a WebDav mapped drive
 - Re-usable content pick and point to script of your choice



- Leverage Code Mirror features
 - Syntax highlighting.
 - Auto indentation and outdent.
 - Handles huge documents (hundreds of thousands of lines) without trouble.
 - Customizable key bindings including Vi and Emacs modes.
 - A wide range of language modes.
 - Add-ons for autocompletion, code folding, integrated linting.
 - A broad programming API





Web Dev

Abstraction

Portal Dev

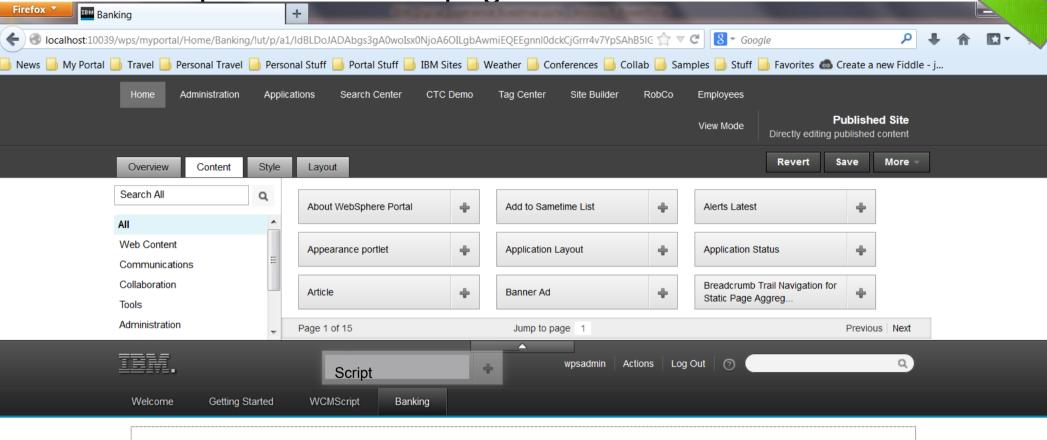


Demo



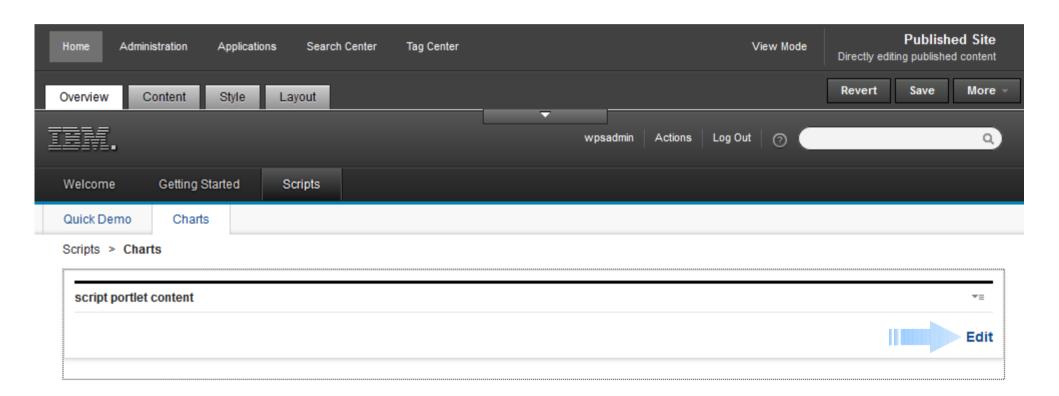


Add a Script Portlet to the page

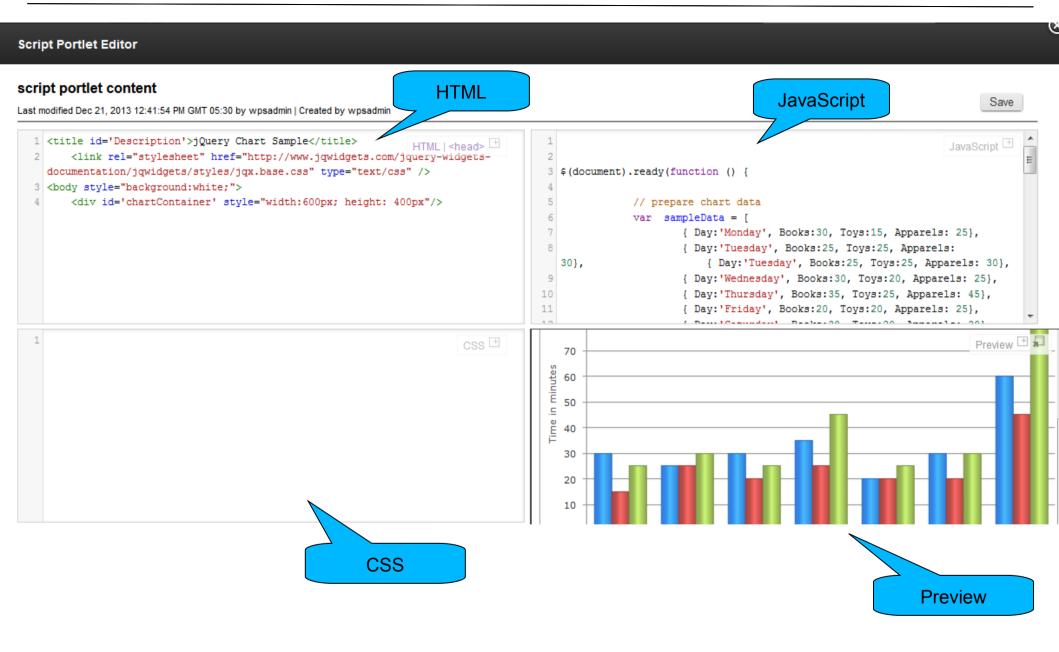




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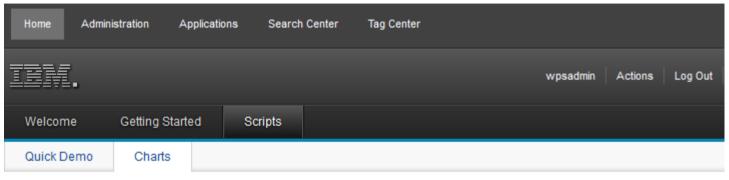




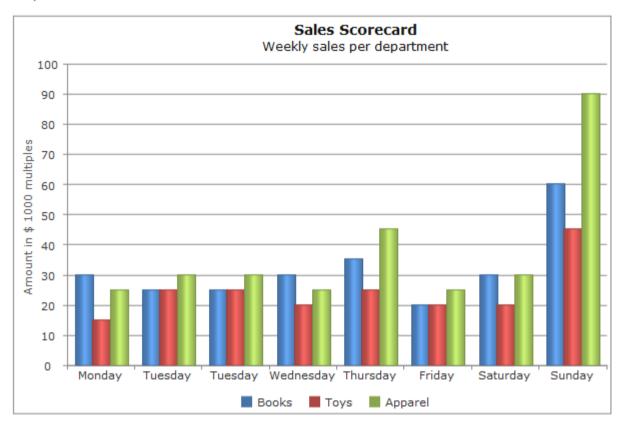




The Result



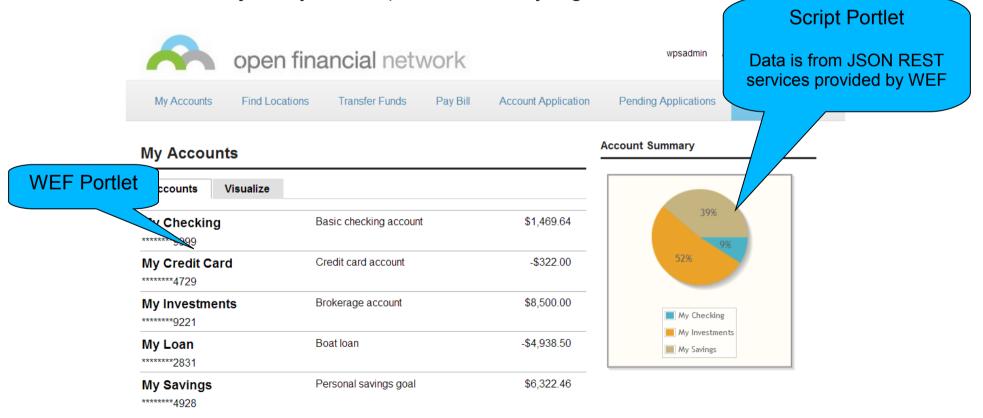
Scripts > Charts





Script Portlets are first-class Portal citizens and play well with others

- Your Portal site can combine Script Portlets with any other portlets built with WEF, RAD, or other tools
- Portlets can communicate (e.g., with Public Render Parameters or JS/jQuery events) and share styling





How Script Portlet fits with WEF and RAD tools

- Script Portlet does not replace WEF and RAD!
 - It is complementary to those IDE-based tools
- With Script Portlet you get the unique benefits of cloud-based development and WCM management of portlet assets
- With RAD or WEF you get the unique benefits those frameworks provide:
 - WEF uses a model-based code generation approach using "builders," for rapid development and multiple variations from a single model
 - RAD includes a very rich set of capabilities for JEE development like JSF, with WYSIWYG and drag/drop tools for UI development



What about server-side portlets and all the existing tools?

- Server-side portlets are not going away!
- They work very well and will continue to be used by many, many customers
- The tools and frameworks for server-side portlets are very rich and mature, and continue to be enhanced
- WEF and RAD roadmaps include continued enhancements for server-side applications, and for combining server-side with JavaScript in various ways



Resources

- Download from Greenhouse Solution Catalog here
 - https://greenhouse.lotus.com/plugins/plugincatalog.nsf/assetDetails.xsp? action=editDocument&documentId=DDB5C467D991413285257C67002476E0
- Script Portlet community on w3: http://ibmurl.hursley.ibm.com/47QC
- Charts, demos etc are posted in this community
- Demo server for IBMers (Sales, ISSC, GBS and others) is available:
 - http://50.97.203.147/wps/portal
- Here are links to some additional videos that show off this, and different scenarios:
 - Show off html5 video, html5 image capture support, html5 geolocation, all using script portlet, and display the images on a map, at the location they were taking: https://w3connections.ibm.com/files/app/file/3b269ac4-59ed-48f7-911d-5fd16b9f699d
 - google finance in portal/wcm based on scriptportlet one: https://w3connections.ibm.com/files/app/file/269c925a-8a42-4298-963f-078836b18766
 - google now implemented in portal/wcm based on script portlet: https://w3-connections.ibm.com/files/app/file/c7ca78c5-150b-4aa5-9578-e94ed671cabd
 - IO demo (this is our version of a Groupon website and Groupon native app based on Portal/WCM, also second half of video also shows a whole bunch of script portlet samples: https://w3-connections.ibm.com/files/app/file/1534ef7d-8553-42d2-a5d5-c9fd5888421f

Thank You